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FIERCE FIRES RAGE

Valuable Forests and City and Town Property Destroyed

LIVES ALSO LOST IN THE FLAMES

Several Firemen Crushed To Death Under Falling Walls in Washington—Heavy Losses Reported in Half a Dozen States.

Washington, May 19.—Fire swept away a whole block of commercial buildings opposite the Smithsonian Institute soon after 8 o'clock last evening. The lives of at least six firemen were crushed out by falling walls. The loss will exceed \$200,000. The buildings covering the block adjoining the Centre Market constituted practically the entire commission and wholesale produce business of Washington, and while not of great value, their contents burned so fiercely that a great portion of the residents from all parts of the city were attracted to the scene of the conflagration. From 7 to 8 o'clock the city was visited by one of the most terrific thunder storms in years and it is thought lightning traveling on telegraph wires entered a Postal Telegraph sub-station and started the flames, which spread rapidly through the highly inflammable materials of the building on Louisiana avenue, Ninth, Tenth and D streets. In a few minutes, under general alarm orders, the entire fire department commenced its efforts to check the fire's spread, but exploding barrels of kerosene and gasoline drove them off and led them to direct their energies to preventing the flames from crossing streets to neighboring squares. The destruction in New Hampshire.

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New York, May 19.—"Mrs. Everett," the Colonnade hotel suicide, has again been identified, this time by reputable people known in this city who are positive that they are right, and if the identification by Felicien Faconniere, the Frenchman, is not proven true at once the body will be given up by the morgue keeper to be buried as Mrs. E. E. Hill, wife of E. E. Hill, a musician of Brompton Roads, London. His professional name is Edgar Zerega, and he is said to be well known as a musician and theatrical manager. The identification was made at the morgue late last evening by lawyers J. Kantrowitz and M. Esberg. The former has known Mrs. Hill from childhood and Lawyer Esberg has seen her half a dozen times. These lawyers were assisted in the identification by ex-congressman Ralph Hill of Indianapolis, who is the father of Mrs. Hill's husband. Mrs. Hill herself was formerly Miss May D. Keith, daughter of Col. John A. Keith, a prominent citizen and real estate dealer of Columbus, Ind. Lawyer Hill came from Indianapolis yesterday after having received a cablegram from his son asking him to see if the body of the suicide might not be that of Mrs. Hill. Lawyer Kantrowitz said that Mrs. Hill had been to his office half a dozen times to see him. They were both born in Columbus, Ind., and had known each other since childhood. Mrs. Hill came to America five weeks ago. She seems to have held no communication with her relatives in the west since her arrival here and even Lawyer Hill does not know what made his son suspect that she was the Colonnade suicide. Felicien Faconniere, the Frenchman who identified the body, still claims that it is that of Louise Lansberg. His story is regarded as most remarkable.

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railroad is burned and their locomotives and upper camp left in the heart of the fire with no means of communication with the outside world. Fears for their safety are entertained.

Damage by Forest Fires in Connecticut.

Winsted, Conn., May 19.—Forest fires have done \$50,000 damage and are still raging in Colbrook, Chapinville, Lakeville, New Hartford and Torrington. One hundred men fought the flames in Chapinville yesterday and "Ravine Hurst," a summer hotel, barely escaped destruction.

NAHANT'S BIG BLAZE.

The Longfellow Cottage Among the Property Destroyed Yesterday Afternoon.

Lynn, Mass., May 19.—The resident portion of the town of Nahant was the scene of a disastrous fire late yesterday afternoon which destroyed five valuable summer residences, causing a property loss approximating \$100,000. The wind was very high, the water supply inadequate and only vigilant efforts on the part of the firemen and citizens generally prevented the conflagration from being more disastrous than it was. The houses burned were all vacant but most of them had been put in readiness for the coming of summer guests. They were the Longfellow cottage where the poet spent his summer for many years and where the "Bells of Lynn" was composed and written. It was owned by Miss Alice Longfellow, daughter of the poet; two buildings on the Green estate, the Duncan and Cunningham cottages and the Russell cottage. In addition to these several other cottages were more or less singed and many rods of costly fence were burned. The fire started in the yard of the Longfellow cottage and is supposed to have been occasioned by a spark from the pipe of one of the carpenters or painters employed there.

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Rev. Mr. Fuller Resigns His Ministry in the Episcopal Church.

REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE SENTENCE

He Demands Immediate Deposition and Abandons and Openly Renounces the Discipline of the Church—Cause of His Suspension.

BOSTON, May 19.—Rev. Samuel Richard Fuller, rector of St. Paul's church in Malden for several years, until suspended by the bishop of the diocese, refuses to accept the sentence imposed. In a letter to Bishop Lawrence he says: "I insist upon my good faith in every step taken by me, and upon my innocence of wrong, intended or committed towards the church or towards any individual. Therefore, I cannot submit to any condemnation or disciplinary sentence whatsoever, without doing violence to my consciousness of integrity. Accordingly, I resign my ministry in the Protestant Episcopal church, and herewith, as in its canons provided, 'declare' to you 'in writing' my 'renunciation' of said ministry in said church and demand immediate deposition therefrom for the reason that I do hereby 'abandon' and openly renounce the 'discipline' of said church." Rev. Mr. Fuller was charged with having violated the canons of the Episcopal church regarding marriage and was publicly suspended from the priesthood for two years by Bishop Lawrence. He was informed that if at the end of two years, he had returned to the performance of any ministerial duty without having proven his first wife guilty of adultery, he would return at his own peril. About fifty people, including a number of Presbyterians were present, and immediately after Bishop Lawrence had read his decision, Mr. Fuller read an elaborate protest. The committee who found Mr. Fuller guilty recommended his expulsion, but the bishop decided to deal with him as above. The specific charge was that of violating the law prohibiting the marriage of either party to a divorce while the other party is yet living, except in the case of the innocent party when the cause of divorce is adultery.

ALIEN CONTRACT LABOR.

An Important Question Answered by Justice Peckham.

Washington, May 19.—Justice Peckham has decided the following question certified to the supreme court of the United States from the sixth circuit court of appeals, in the case of the United States vs. Harry Laws: "Is a contract made with an alien in a foreign country (A. Seelinger at Dornagen, Germany, July 22, 1880) to come to this country as a chemist on a sugar plantation in Louisiana (belonging to Harry Laws), in pursuance of which contract such alien does come to this country and is employed on a sugar plantation in Louisiana, his expenses being paid by the defendant, a contract to perform labor or services as prohibited in the alien contract labor laws?" The supreme court answered no.

GOES BACK TO PRISON.

Philadelphia, May 19.—Dr. John H. Durland, who was convicted in the United States district court in this city of using the mails to defraud, and who was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment in the county jail, was yesterday afternoon returned to the prison to finish his sentence. After Durland had been incarcerated for about a month he was released on proceedings from the United States supreme court until that tribunal could pass upon the case. The decision was against him.

Officers of the A. P. A.

Washington, May 19.—The following officers of the American Protective association were elected at the closing session of the supreme council: Secretary, W. J. Palmer of Butte, Mont.; treasurer, F. C. Campbell of Minneapolis; sergeant-at-arms, J. W. Ellis of South McAlester, Ind. Ter.; guard, W. B. Howard of Omaha, Neb.; sentinel, T. S. Hansen of Ohio; trustees, Allison Stocker of Denver, George Lester of Cleveland, O., and W. J. White of Richmond, Va.

CANNOT DISCRIMINATE.

Washington, May 19.—Secretary Carlisle has sent to the senate a letter containing some observations on the Perkins bill to give the president power to meet discriminating duties against American commerce. "After careful consideration of this bill," says Mr. Carlisle, "I am impelled to the conclusion that it will be impracticable for this department to determine the excess of the direct or indirect bounty or premium on exports allowed by foreign countries."

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Albany, May 19.—The examination of candidates for state scholarships at Cornell university will be held throughout the state on June 5, under the supervision of superintendents of schools in cities and of school commissioners in the country. One scholarship is allotted to each assembly district.

RUNNING ON REDUCED TIME.

Ridderford, Me., May 19.—The operatives of the Pepperell and Laconia mills here are working on two-thirds time in accordance with an agreement between the operatives and the management, reached last Friday. The order reducing wages has been re-enacted.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMER.

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DECLINE OF THE GOLD RESERVE.

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SEPARATE RAILROAD COACH LAW.

Washington, May 19.—The supreme court of the United States has decided in what is known as the "Jim Crow car case" of Plessy vs. Ferguson, that the statute of the state of Louisiana requiring railroad companies to supply separate coaches for white and colored persons is constitutional, affirming the decision of the court below. Judge Harlan dissented.

HIS GREAT SACRIFICE

WEYLER PARDONS A LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

HONORS BUY SOVEREIGN'S BIRTHDAY

Havana Cigarmakers To Celebrate the Order Stopping the Export of Tobacco. Result of Several Engagements as Given Out by the Government.

Havana, May 15.—Reports have been received from several districts of engagements between the troops and the insurgent bands. According to these the Spaniards have been uniformly victorious. This, of course, is news given out by the government. The total loss of the insurgents was twenty-three killed and one captured. The Spanish loss was two killed and three wounded. Among the latter are Col. Jul and another officer. The anniversary of the birth of King Alfonso, which actually occurred Sunday, and was celebrated yesterday. Captain-General Weyler liberated many political prisoners in honor of the occasion. It is stated that the cigar manufacturers and their employees will organize a procession to celebrate the action of Gen. Weyler stopping the export of tobacco. Gen. Vicuna has been attacked by yellow fever. His condition is serious. News has been received from the province of Santiago de Cuba to the effect that Col. Tejada has had a fierce engagement at Palmarito with the rebels commanded by Cobrero. The insurgents occupied a strongly fortified position, but were dislodged by the troops, who numbered 1,500. When the troops were returning to Palmarito the rear guard were repeatedly attacked by the rebels. The troops lost four dead and two officers and twelve soldiers wounded. Unofficial advices show that Col. Tejada's report is incorrect, and that the rebels forced the troops to retreat. The government losses are said to be much heavier than stated in the official report.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

The Steamer D. H. Muller Goes Down in Baltimore Harbor with a Cargo.

Baltimore, May 19.—The Merchants & Miners' line steamship Decatur H. Muller was run down and sunk yesterday afternoon in the harbor, off the foot of East Falls avenue, by the steamship Bowden of the Buckman fruit company. The Bowden was bound from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with a cargo of bananas and the Muller was in tow of a tug, shifting from her pier at the foot of East Falls avenue to Canton, to discharge about 500 tons of general merchandise, consisting largely of rosin, cotton, oil and lumber. She was not under steam at the time of the collision and was helpless, save for the tug. A hole four feet long by four feet wide was knocked in the Muller's side amidships and she sank in about ten minutes. The stories of the officers of both steamers vary, and each claims the other was at fault.

COL. COCKERILL'S REMAINS.

They Leave New York This Afternoon for St. Louis for Final Interment.

New York, May 19.—The body of Col. John A. Cockerill found a temporary resting place at least last evening in the vault in Kensico cemetery, after his friends in many fraternal orders had given to it the last rites and after it had repose for a while in the Calvary Baptist church, where the religious ceremony was held. The remains will start on a journey again this afternoon which will have for its terminal St. Louis, where the body, after traveling thousands of miles on land and sea, will at last be consigned to the earth.

\$1,000,000 CONTRACT AWARDED.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 19.—The contract for the extension of the wheel pits of the Niagara Falls Power company has been let to E. D. Smith & Co. of Chicago. The extension will accommodate seven new dynamos, and part of the power developed by them will be transmitted to Buffalo and other places. The contract price is understood to be about \$1,000,000.

MC COY WINS ON A FOUL.

Boston, May 19.—The principal contest at the boxing entertainment in this city last night was the bout between "Kid" McCoy and "Mysterious" Billy Smith of Boston, fifteen rounds at 154 pounds. The fighting was somewhat spirited. McCoy was awarded the baton in the sixth round on a foul.

INNIS DENDY TORNADO.

Kansas City, Mo., May 19.—The deadly tornado which swept through northeastern Kansas and a portion of southeastern Nebraska Sunday night caused at least eighteen deaths and the injury of a score of people and did many thousand dollars damage in various towns through which it passed.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Per W. L. C. W. L. C.

Cleveland, 15 8.652 Chicago, 15 11.577

Boston, 16 9.610 Wash'n, 13 13.500

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CASTORIA

for Infants and Children.

MOTHERS, Do You Know that Paregoric, Bateman's Drops, Codfry's Cordial, many so-called Soothing Syrups, and most remedies for children are composed of opium or morphine?

Do You Know that opium and morphine are stupefying narcotic poisons?

Do You Know that in most countries druggists are not permitted to sell narcotics without labelling them poisons?

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Lace Pillow Shams Children's Balbriggan Underwear, sizes 26 to 34, fine soft finish goods 25c a pair, quantity limited.

Hadsome Feather Fans, American manufacture, delicate colors, extra value, 25 cents each.

5c Each Shirt Waist Sets; one gross in this lot, very pretty patterns, very special values. Don't delay.

29c for Steel Shears sharp, true, it nickel plating was not scratched they would be 50 cts, maybe 75c., but 29 cents here.

For Dress Makers- **Button Hole Twist** — Courtelle, Brainerd and A. Heningway's and Peerless, some bright colors missing, that's why it's 12 cents a dozen.

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SAPOLIO

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AMANDA TODD.

BY MARY E. WILKINS.

Amanda Todd's orbit of existence is restricted, of a necessity, since she was born, brought up and will die in this village, but there is no doubt that it is eccentric. She moves apart on her own little course quite separate from the rest of us.

Had Amanda's lines of life been cast elsewhere, where circumstances had pushed her, instead of hemming her in, she might have become the feminine apostle of a new creed, have founded a sect or instituted a new system of female dress. As it is, she does not go to meeting, she never wears a bonnet and she keeps cats.

Amanda Todd is 60, and she never was married. Had she been, the close friction with another nature might have worn away some of the peculiarities of hers. She might have gone to meeting, she might have worn a bonnet, she might even have eschewed cats, but it is not probable. When peculiarities are in the grain of a person's nature, as they probably are in hers, such friction only brings them out more plainly, and it is the other person who suffers.

The village men are not, as a rule, very subtle, but they have seemed to feel this instinctively. Amanda was, they say, a very pretty girl in her youth, but no young man ever dared make love to her and marry her. She had always the reputation of being "an odd stick," even in the district school. She always kept by herself at recess, she never seemed to have anything in common with the other girls, and she always went home alone from singing school. Probably never in her whole life has Amanda Todd known what it is to be protected by some devoted person of the other sex through the mighty perils of our village street.

There is a tradition in the village that once in her life, when she was about 25 years old, Amanda Todd had a beautiful bonnet and went to meeting. Old Mrs. Nathan Morse vouches for the reliability of it, and, moreover, she hints at a reason. "When Mandy, she was 'bout 25 years old," she says, "George Henry French, he come to town, and taught the district school, and he see Mandy, an' told Almira Benzon that he thought she was about the prettiest girl he ever laid eyes on, and Almira, she told Mandy. That was all there ever was to it, he never waited on her, never spoke to her, fur's I know, but right after that, Mandy, she had a buntin', and she went reg'lar to meetin'. Tore that her mother could scarcely get her to keep a thing on her head out of doors—allers carried her sunbunni' a-dancin' by the strings, wonder she wasn't sunstruck a million times—and as for goin' to meetin', her mother, she talked and talked, but it didn't do a mite of good. I suppose her father kind of upheld her in it. He was most as odd as Mandy. He wouldn't go to meetin' unless he was driv, and he wasn't a member. 'Nough sight ruther go out prowlin' round in the woods like a wild animal, Sabbath days, than go to meetin'. Once he ketched a wildcat, an' tried to tame it, but he couldn't. It bit and chewed so he had to let it go. I guess Mandy gets her likin' for cats from him fast enough. Well, Mandy, she had that handsome buntin', and she went to meetin' reg'lar 'most a year, and she looked as pretty as a picture sittin' in the pew. The buntin' was trimmed with green gauze ribbon and had a wreath of fine pink flowers inside. Her mother was real tickled, thought Mandy had met with a change. But land, it didn't last no time. George Henry French, he quit town the next year and went to Somerset to teach, and pretty soon we heard he had married a girl over there. Then Mandy, she didn't come to meetin' any more. I dunno what she did with the buntin'—stamped on it, most likely, she always had consider'ble temper—anyway, I never see her wear it afterwards."

Thus old Mrs. Nathan Morse tells the story, and somehow to a reflective mind the picture of Amanda Todd in her youth decked in her pink-wreathed bonnet, selfishly but innocently attending in the sanctuary of divine love in order to lay hands on her own little share of earthly affection, is inseparable from her, as she goes now, old and bare-headed, defiantly past the meeting house, when the Sabbath bells are ringing.

However, if Amanda Todd had elected to go bareheaded through the village streets from feminine vanity, rather than eccentricity, it would have been no wonder. Not a young girl in the village has such a head of hair as Amanda. It is of a beautiful chestnut color, and there is not a gray thread in it. It is full of wonderful natural ripples, too—not one of the village girls can equal them with her papers and crimping pins—and Amanda arranges it in two superb braids wound twice around her head. Seen from behind, Amanda's head is that of a young beauty; when it turns a little, and her harsh old profile becomes visible, there is a shock to the stranger.

Amanda's father had a great shock of chestnut hair, which was seldom cut, and she inherits this adornment from him. He lived to be an old man, but that ruddy crown of his never turned gray.

Amanda's mother died long ago; then her father. Ever since she has lived alone in her shingled cottage with her cats. There were not so many cats at first; they say she started with one fine tabby, who became the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to armies of kittens.

Amanda must destroy some when she can find no homes for them, otherwise she herself would be driven asild, but still the impression is of a legion.

A cat is so covert, it slinks so secretly from one abiding place to another and seems to duplicate itself with its sudden appearances, that it may account in a measure for this impression. Still there are a great many. Nobody knows just the number—the estimate runs

anywhere from 15 to 50. Counting, or trying to count, Amanda Todd's cats is a favorite amusement of the village children. "There's another," they shout, when a pair of green eyes gleams at them from a post. But is it another, or only the same cat who has moved? Cats sit in Amanda's windows; they stare out wisely at the passers-by, from behind the panes, or they fold their paws on the ledge outside in the sunshine. Cats walk Amanda's ridgepole and her fence, they perch on her posts and fly to her cherry trees with bristling fur at the sight of a dog. Amanda has as deadly a hatred of dogs as have her cats. Everyone which comes within stone throw of her she sends off yelping, for she is a good shot. Kittens tumble about Amanda's yard and crawl out between her fence pickets under people's feet. Amanda will never give away a kitten except to a responsible person, and as particular as if the kitten were a human orphan, and she the manager of an asylum.

She will never, for any consideration, bestow one of her kittens upon a family that keeps a dog, or where there are many small children. Once she made a condition that the dog should be killed, and she may be at times inwardly disposed to banish the children.

Amanda Todd is extremely persistent when she has selected a home which is perfectly satisfactory to her for a kitten. Once one was found tied into a little basket like a baby on the doorstep of a childless and humane couple who kept no dog, and there is a story that Deacon Nehemiah Stockwell found one in his overcoat pocket and never knew how it came there. It is probable that Amanda resorts to these extreme measures to save herself from either destroying her kittens or being driven out of house and home by them.

However, once, when the case was reversed, Amanda herself was found wanting. When she began to grow old, and the care of her pets told upon her, it occurred to her that she might adopt a little girl. Amanda has a comfortable little income, and would have been able to provide a good living for a child, as far as that goes.

But the managers of the institution to whom Amanda applied made inquiries, and the result did not satisfy them. Amanda stated frankly her reason for wishing to take the child, and her intentions with regard to her. She wished the little girl to tend her cats and assist her in caring for them. She was willing that she should attend school four hours per day, going after the cats had their breakfast, and returning an hour earlier to give them their supper. She was willing that she should go to meeting in the afternoon only, and she could have no other children come to visit her for fear they would maltreat the kittens. She furthermore announced her intention to make her will, giving to the girl, whom she should adopt, her entire property in trust for her cats, to include her own maintenance on condition that she devote her life to them as she had done.

The trustees declared that they could not conscientiously commit a child to her keeping for such purposes, and the poor little girl orphan, who had the chance of devoting her life to the care of pussy cats and kittens, to the exclusion of all childish follies, remained in her asylum.

So Amanda to this day lives alone, and manages as best she can. Nobody in the village can be induced to live with her; one forlorn old soul preferred the almshouse.

"I'd 'nough sight ruther go on the town than live with all them cats," she said.

It is rather unfortunate that Amanda's shingled cottage is next the meeting house, for that, somehow, seems to render her non-church-going more glaringly conspicuous, and then, too, there is a liability of indecorous proceedings on the part of the cats.

They evidently do not share their mistress' dislike of the sanctuary, and find its soft pew cushions very inviting. They watch their chances to slink in when the sexton opens the meeting house; he is an old man and dim-eyed, and they are often successful. It is wise for anybody before taking a seat in a pew to make sure that one of Amanda's cats has not forestalled him; and often a cat flees down one flight of the pulpit stairs as the minister ascends the other.

We all wonder what will become of Amanda's cats when she dies. There is a report that she has made her will and left her property in trust for the cats to somebody, but to whom? Nobody in this village is anxious for such a bequest, and whoever it may be will probably strive to repudiate it. Some day the cats will undoubtedly go by the board; young Henry Wilson, who has a gun, will shoot some, the rest will become aliens and wanderers, but we all hope Amanda Todd will never know it.

In the meantime she is undoubtedly carrying on among us an eccentric but true the less genuine mission. A home missionary is Amanda Todd, and we should recognize her as such in spite of her non-church-going propensities. Weak in faith though she may be, she is, perchance, as strong in love as the best of us. At least I do not doubt that her poor little four-footed dependents would so give evidence if they could speak.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

Florida Indians.

"Our Indians," says Dr. Brecht, Indian commissioner in the state of Florida, "are not multiplying rapidly. This is due to physiological and social reasons. Still, there has been an increase. In 1859 there were but 112. Now there are something over 500. The chief social reason for their slow propagation is the custom of countenancing no marriages of persons who have a drop of the same blood in their veins. This is sometimes hard on the girls. One leader I know has two beautiful daughters, who cannot get married because the eligible young men are almost all akin to them."—*Chicago Chronicle*.

—The Hindoo-Kosh, 20,600 feet, is reported to be the highest in Afghanistan.

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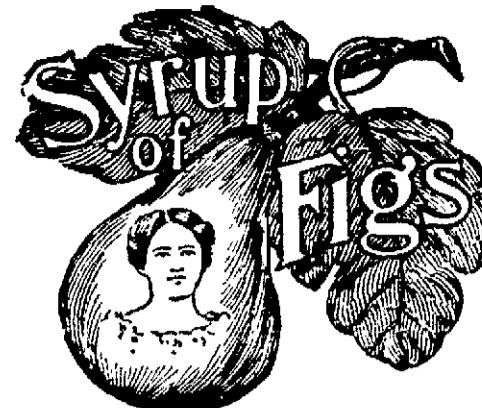
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Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constituted condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be recommended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

MONTGOMERY.
Enforce the Bicycle Ordinance—The Troubadours—An Ample Water Supply.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Our streets are crowded every evening with bicycle riders, and by the way, they would do well to observe the ordinance passed by the Board of Trustees forbidding anyone to ride a bicycle faster than six miles an hour on any of the public streets, or without a lighted lamp after sunset, under penalty of fine of five dollars or imprisonment.

—Harrigan's Troubadours will appear at the Palace Opera House, Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 18 and 19. This company comes highly recommended from places where it has played. It was billed to appear two nights at Pine Bush but was prevailed to play the whole week.

—This is beautiful summer weather but we need rain very badly.

—Without doubt Montgomery has one of the best systems of water works in this State, as during the past dry spell there has not been the least sign of the wells giving out.

BEAVERKILL.

Building a New Hotel—House and out Buildings Burned—Other News Items.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Wall Scudder has commenced the erection of his new hotel and will have it finished about the first of July.

—John Killquest met with a severe loss by the burning of his farm house and buildings. He is a poor man and lost nearly all the contents also.

—John Briggs has a large force of men working on his new house.

—Abram Sprague lost a cow last week. Another great loss for a poor man.

—Mr. and Mrs. West, of New York, are stopping with Mrs. Ellsworth for a few weeks.

—William Davis has come up from New York for the summer, which he will spend with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Maggie Dow.

—Mrs. Charles Newman is visiting friends around here.

NEW HAMPTON.

Farm Notes—Attended the Sunday School Convention—Entertainment and Social—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Most of the farmers in this vicinity have their cows turned out to pasture.

—Everyone about here has finished planting corn.

—Misses Elsie Seward and A. C. Stage attended the B. S. Convention at Chester, last week, as delegates from the Denton school.

—The young people of the C. E. Society of Denton will give an entertainment and ice cream and cake social in the lecture room, Friday evening, May 22.

—We understand there is a movement being made to force the granting of license in this town.

—Mrs. Minnie Kimball, of Brooklyn, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doyle.

—Miss Mary Howell is visiting her sister, Miss Hannah Howell, of Brooklyn.

GREENVILLE.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A strawberry and ice cream festival for the benefit of the M. E. Church, will be held Tuesday evening, May 26th, on Hallock's lawn. If the weather is cold it will be held in Simpson's Hall. There will also be a display of fireworks. If stormy next fair evening.

WESTTOWN.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The Westtown M. E. Church will have a strawberry and ice cream festival, May 27, on the church grounds. All are invited. If stormy next fair evening.

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DOGS AND TRAMPS.

One of the latter Shatters a Favorite Belief.

"Am I afraid of dogs?" repeated the tramp, as he leaned against the wall to rub his itching shoulder. "Well, that's a queer question to ask a feller who's been on the tramp for 15 years! What's dogs got to do with it?"

"It is said that dogs have an instinctive aversion to tramps," replied the interviewer.

"McBee they hav, but the tramp hain't worryin' about that as I know of. If dogs was all we had to look out for we'd be a happy lot. Who's bin stunnin' you about dogs?"

"Weren't you ever bitten by a dog?"

"Of course, but that was when I was green at the biz. After the first six months no dog ever hankered arter my legs. When you read about a farmer's dog humpin' a tramp over the fence, don't you take no stock in it. It's all guff."

"Well, how do you protect yourself?"

"In the first place, dogs are afraid of tramps. Nine out of ten of 'em will growl a few times and then sneak away. They seem to jest figger that a tramp wouldn't be sloschin' around like he is if he wasn't loaded for dogs. The books all tell ye to look a dog in the eye, but no tramp is fool 'nuff for that. If ye do he'll figger that ye are defyin' him and bite ye fur sure. Jest look at his paws instead. That'll bother and annoy him and make him turn tail. If a dog rushes out on me of a sudden I stand still. When he sees I don't run he argues that I'm dangerous. I've had 50 farmers 'sic' a big dog on me, but I simply back slowly away and never get a bite. I've run onto dogs in yards, barns and sheds and skeert 'em half to death by making a 'bu-z-z-z-z-z' with my teeth sharp."

"But you do find a dangerous dog once in awhile?" persisted the questioner.

"Oh, of course," replied the tramp, as he scratched his shoulder. "Yes, we find a dog now and then who lacks good sense and we hav to help him out."

"How do you do it?"

"With a handful of dry sand or fine-cut tobacco. As he jumps we throw the stuff into his eyes, and if the owner of the dog hain't clus behind him a feller kin hev ten minutes of solid fun watchin' in the circus. That dog may live for ten years arter that date, but he'll never meddle with another tramp. Dogs Humph! Say, gimme a quarter and bring on yer bulldog and tell him to climb for me!"—Detroit Free Press.

An Unbiased Opinion.

Husband—I don't see why it was necessary to call the doctor when the baby had only a trifling cough.

Wife—Well, dear, I asked the doctor, and he said I did right.—Tit-Bits.

The Proper Name.

"I saw a queer sign on Sixth avenue; 'Dental Parlor,' it reads."

"Queer? It was incorrect; it should have been 'Dental Drawing-Room.'—Town Topics.

The Retort Courteous.

"Man," she bitterly exclaimed, "is dominated by the almighty dollar." "And woman," he rejoined, with spirit, "by the almighty 99 cents."—Detroit Tribune.

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Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt.

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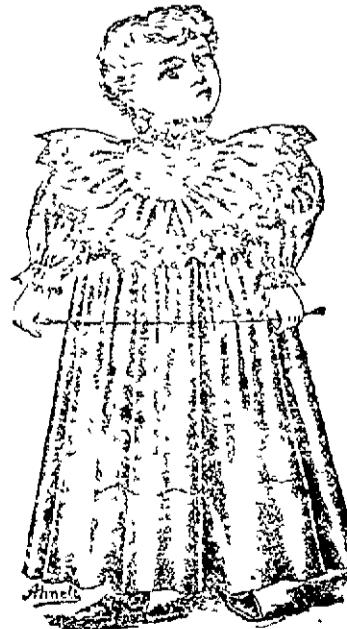
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THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.— Threatening weather with showers and thunder storms, this afternoon and to-night; Wednesday, fair and cooler; westerly winds becoming northerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Prunk's drug store, to-day:

7 A. m., 66°; 12 m., 79°; 3 p. m., 69°.

AN USEUM AND RECREATION.

—May 20—Grand opening of Midway Park.

—May 21—Third Schubert Club concert at First Baptist Church.

—May 28—Baron & Bally's show on the Pleasure Grounds.

—May 30—Excursion to New York via Erie Railroad.

—May 30—Excursion to West Point and New York via N. Y. C. and W. Railroad.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Disgrace of the Knaves and Liver—Dr Kennedy's FAVORI Remedy.

—Doctor yourself with Munyon's remedies.

—Hord's condense milk sold by dealers.

—Watches given away with Mail Pouch.

—"Where do you buy your groceries?" see adv. of E. L. Lodo.

—Barkatin—carpets and curtains at Carpet Bag Factory.

—Men's pants to cents at Morris B. Wolf's.

—Illustration wanted as book cover.

—Cafe sale, at Grace Church, Friday.

—Girl wanted to do house work.

—Water rents can be paid to night.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—The O and W. pay car was in town, to-day.

—Opening day at Midway Park, to-morrow.

—The new time table on the electric road worked well, yesterday, and all were pleased with the service.

—The Walden Base Ball Club opened the season most auspiciously, Saturday, defeating the Monitors, of Wappinger's Falls 11 to 4.

—There will be a festival at the Second Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, where good things in variety will be dispensed.

—Strawberry and ice cream festival at Bethel Church, Thursday evening. Proceeds for the benefit of the pastor.

—Surprise Hook and Ladder Company will hold a special meeting at 7 o'clock, this evening, at the Holding House.

—The Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church will hold a cake sale in the basement of the church, Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5.

—The non-commissioned officers' school of the 24th Separate Company, which was called for this evening, was postponed until Friday evening of this week.

—All members of the 24th, who have not been measured at S. Lipfield's for white trousers, are requested to have the measurements taken to-night or to-morrow morning without fail.

—You can pay your water rent, this evening, between the hours of 7 and 8, if you choose to do so. The Commissioner's office is open Tuesday and Friday evenings, this month, to accommodate those who cannot give the time to payment of their taxes during the day.

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—Mr. J. F. Wood, of Philadelphia, who has a fine summer boarding house near Rockland, which is becoming very popular with Middle-town people, was in town to-day.

—Scranton Firemen Coming.

Assistant Engineer H. G. Ham received a dispatch from Scranton this morning, stating that a committee of four members of Crystal H. Co. would arrive in town, this evening, to make arrangements for the visit of the company to this city while on a tour through the country.

—Going to St. Louis.

Masters Teasey and Edward Slau-son, sons of Mr. Wm. G. Slau-son, who have made their home in this city since Mr. Slau-son moved to St. Louis several years ago, will leave to-morrow morning, for that city, where they will in future reside.

Surrendered by His Bondman.

Frank Backman, who was arrested on the charge of breaking into the house of John G. Carey, near High-land Lake, and who gave bonds for \$500, was yesterday surrendered by his bondsmen and was sent to Gosha jail by Justice Powelson.

It is a fortunate day for a man when he first discovers the value of Ayer's Sarsaparilla as a blood-purifier. With this medicine, he knows he has found a remedy upon which he may rely, and that his life-long malady is at last conquered. Has cured others, will cure you.

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THE MONTICELLO CHURCH TROUBLE

Report of the Committee of Presbytery on the Differences Between the Pastor and Trustees of the Monticello Presbyterian Church.

The committee appointed by the Presbytery of Hudson to investigate, report upon, and, if possible, harmonize the difficulties existing between the pastor and trustees of the Monticello Presbyterian Church, reported the following conclusions at a meeting of the church and congregation held in Monticello, yesterday:

I. They find the session and trustees both erred in making the original arrangement with the Rev. James A. McGowan in 1888 in that they did not follow the directions of the form of government with reference to such business:

1. In not calling a meeting of the church and congregation to ascertain their wishes with respect to securing the services of Rev. Mr. McGowan.

2. In assuming powers never delegated to them in making an agreement with him as to salary.

3. In deliberately avoiding the oversight and authority of Presbytery in their arrangements.

11. They find in their attempts to bring the arrangement with Mr. McGowan to a close the trustees have greatly exceeded their authority and clearly violated both ecclesiastical and civil law.

1. In their efforts to terminate the ministerial services of Mr. McGowan—the law for religious corporations, enacted by the Legislature of 1895 expressly declaring that it "does not give to the trustees of an incorporated church any control over the calling, settlement, dismissal or removal of its minister or fixing his salary."

2. In failing to open the church sacrifice for the regular services of public worship during all the Sundays of April, for one of which a communion service had been appointed.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has decided that the session has the right to direct and control the church building for all religious services. The Supreme Court of the U. S. in 1872 reports a decision to the same effect and the law of 1895 of the State of New York distinctly says that it does not give the trustees of a church "any power to fix or change the time, nature or order of the public or social worship of the church except when they are also the spiritual officers of the church."

III. They directed that a meeting of the church and congregation be held on Monday, May 13, at 2 p. m. to determine the future relations of Mr. McGowan to the church and also to decide what compensation should be given him for his services from Jan. 1, '96, to the present time, and that Rev. Thos. B. Nichols preside at that meeting.

IV. In the course of this investigation they have found nothing to reflect unfavorably upon the Christian character or conduct of Mr. McGowan. That his preaching and pastoral services have been generally satisfactory, and through these perplexing experiences he has conducted himself with a commendable Christian spirit.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Monticello, yesterday, the request of Rev. James A. McGowan that his relations with the church be dissolved was granted. The question of salary from January 1st was left to the generosity of the trustees.

Forest of Dean Mines Closed.

A dispatch from Highland Falls says that the Forest of Dean mines, owned and operated by the Poughkeepsie Iron Ore Company, have closed permanently, and the donkey pump and other machinery are being removed. These mines have been worked night and day continuously for many years, and their closing has thrown out of employment many teamsters and miners, who had settled in that vicinity. The cause is the exhaustion of the company's territory and its inability to secure a lease on contiguous ground, although a good price was offered.

The Erie's Dollar Excursion.

On Decoration Day, May 30, the Erie will sell round trip tickets to New York for one dollar, good only on special train each way, leaving Middletown, James street at 7:54 a. m., Main street, 7:56 a. m., and leaving Chambers street at 7:55 p. m., giving over nine hours in New York. The special attractions for that day in the city are matinees in all the theaters, base ball games and the electric exhibition at Grand Central Palace, Lexington avenue, between 43rd and 44th street, open and in full operation from 11 a. m. until 10:30 p. m.

To Engage in Business on His Own Account.

Mr. S. G. Ogden, who for the past six years has been employed by J. C. Runyon & Co., has leased the store in Thomas Watts' building, corner of West Main and Henry streets, formerly occupied by Viela, and will open June 1st with a first-class stock of groceries. Mr. Ogden is well known and should secure his share of public patronage.

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OBITUARY.

John Edgar Mills.

Mr. John E. Mills died in New York Saturday, aged fifty-two years. His body was brought to this city on Erie train 9, to-day, and funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church, after which temporary interment was made in Hillside.

Mr. Mills was a son of Jacob Mills and was born near Scotchtown and resided there until about twenty-nine years ago, when he went to New York and engaged into the milk business. His wife, who survives him, is a daughter of the late Bailey Dunning and sister of J. Seelye Dunning, Mrs. Frank Gould and Mrs. D. Smith. Besides his wife he is survived by one brother, J. Denton Mills, of Scotchtown, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Harlow and Miss Addie Mills, of Scotchtown.

MIDWAY PARK NOTES.

Some of the Free Attractions to be Seen There Next Week—Features of Open Day.

Harrigan's Troubadour Co. recently from the London Alhambra, will open a week's engagement at Midway, on Wednesday. The performances will be in the open air and free to everybody at 2:30 and 8 p. m.

Among the performers are Harry and Emma Smith, musical and sketch artists; Master Arthur Smith, club and baton manipulator; Fitzgerald and Cameron, Irish experts in songs and dances; Japanese jugglers, etc.

On opening day, in addition to the performances above named, the Florida band will be present and there will be dancing in the pavilion and fireworks in the evening.

A Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keefer returned, this morning, from Newburgh, where they attended, last night, the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dell, of the Dell House. About 150 guests were present and everything possible was done by the host and the hostess to ensure their having a good time. A most elaborate supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Dell were the recipients of many handsome presents, among them a silver water pitcher from Bismarck Lodge, I. O. F. and a case of silverware from Mayor O'Neill. Among those who made congratulatory speeches was Mr. Keefer, of this city.

The Schubert Club Concert.

The last of the series of concerts of the Schubert Club will be given, Tuesday evening, May 21st, in the Baptist Church of Victor Herbert.

It would be difficult to speak too highly. All who were fortunate enough to hear him two years ago will remember how he exercised a spell of witchery over his audience, and his success was brilliant. Mr. Herbert is a genius. The "celo" lives in his hands.

The W. C. T. U. Outlook.

There will be no meeting of the society on Thursday of this week, as arrangements have been made to visit Mrs. Wheat, at Otisville, on that day. If stormy, on Friday. Those who don't go will miss a great treat.

The train leaves the depot at 8 o'clock, and carriages will leave the room, 134 North street, at 9 o'clock sharp.

A Thimble Sociable.

There will be a thimble sociable for the benefit of the Ladies' Auxiliary of D. P. DeWitt Camp, S. of V., at Mrs. W. H. Wood's, 29 James street, Thursday, May 21st.

An admission fee of ten cents will be charged, including supper. Supper from 6 to 9 p. m.

Transferring State Hospital Patients.

Forty insane women were transferred, yesterday, from the Willard to the Buffalo State Hospital. This is part of a system of transfers planned with a view to making room in the Binghamton Hospital for patients from the Manhattan and Long Island Hospitals, which are overcrowded.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Preparing for Memorial Day—Going West—The Leap Year Hop—Personal Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent

A body of young men, wearing military coats and caps and carrying guns and bayonets, who were marching about the streets, last night, have no intention of joining the insurgent forces at Cuba. They were only



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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—In seven months Gen. Booth has traveled 35,000 miles.

—The official directory of the Roman Catholic church in the United States puts the membership of the church at 9,410,790.

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BURIED IN A TREE.

A Curious Mausoleum Recently Discovered in Saxe-Altenburg.

One of the most curious mausoleums in the world was discovered recently in an orchard at the village of Nobdenitz in Saxe-Altenburg. A gigantic oak tree, which a storm had robbed of its crown, was up for public auction. Among the bidders happened to be Baron von Thummel, scion of a family of ancient lineage that has given the world of literature one charming poet and the fatherland many distinguished statesmen. The Baron, who lives on a neighboring estate, had ridden to the auction place quite accidentally. Finally the tree was knocked down to him for 200 marks. Upon his arrival at the castle, he told an old servant of his purchase, describing the tree and its situation. The old servant said he remembered attending the funeral of a Baron Thummel 70 or 80 years ago, and that the body had been buried in a thousand-year-old oak, belonging to the parsonage. Investigation clearly proved that the orchard had once been the property of the village church, and that at one side of the old oak was an iron shutter, rusty and time-worn, that the people of the town had always supposed to have been placed there by some joker or mischievous boys. The iron shutter proved to be the gate to the mausoleum of Baron Hans Wilhelm von Thummel, at one time minister of the state of Saxe-Altenburg, who died in 1824, and wished to be buried "in the thousand-year-old tree he loved so well." In the hollow of the tree Baron Hans caused to be built a sepulchre of solid masonry, large enough to accommodate his coffin. The coffin was placed there, as the church records show, on March 3, 1824, and the opening was closed by an iron grate. In the course of time a wall of wood grew over the opening, which had been enlarged to admit the coffin and the workmen, and for many years it has been completely shut, thus removing the last vestige of the odd use to which the old tree had been put. The tree has still some life in it, and its rich verdure is only now turning a violet tint. The coffin in which Baron Hans repose has on one side grown to the tree, the dead and the live wood joining together in eternal embrace.—Public Opinion.

Where We Differ from England.

"Any man of unobtrusive turn who visits England can't help but notice the different ways they have from the people of this country in the construction of houses, bridges, vehicles, and implements of every kind," said Dr. C. L. Phelps, of Boston. "The Englishmen go in for durability beyond everything else. I went into a concern that makes agricultural machinery after the pattern of a well-known house in the United States. I couldn't help but contrast the British and American makes and saw in them the characteristics of the two nations. An English harvester was big and heavy and clumsy. I told the owner that we wouldn't have such, for it would kill our horses to draw it. He smiled and said, with proud emphasis: 'But it will last 25 years.'

"Right here is where we are smart or our cousins across the sea. A Yankee farmer doesn't want a machine that will wear a quarter of a century, for he knows that in two or three years a greatly improved one will be on the market, and his implement will be obsolete. The English seem to take no account of this, and whatever they build is for a generation. In this way they have been distanced in many lines of manufacturing by their American competitors, but that doesn't affect their system in the least, and they will keep on improving theirs the superior policy."—Washington Star.

The vastness of the Ocean.
The surface of the sea is estimated at 130,000,000 square miles; taking the whole surface of the globe at 197,000,000, and its greatest depth supposed to be equal to that of the highest mountain, or four miles. The Pacific ocean covers 75,000,000 square miles, the Atlantic, 25,000,000; the Mediterranean 1,000,000.—Detroit Free Press.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

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Power of Association.
Mrs. DeTemper (looking up from paper)—Well, I declare! Another woman, single-handed, has captured a burglar. I should think she would have been killed by the brute; but the paper says the moment she grabbed a poker and made a dash for him his knees trembled and his teeth shook, and he sank to the floor in flight.

Mr. DeTemper—He is probably a married man.—N. Y. Weekly.

Woman, Lovely Woman.
When carols filter thro' the trees,
And apple blossoms scent the air,
She dives into her trunk and sees
There's not a gown that's fit to wear.

—Chicago Record.

"A VERY SOFT THING."



—Bay City Chat.

Commercial Health.
Roads are the veins of trade thorough which
Glad commerce pours its flood,
And no land can be glad or rich
Whose veins are clogged with mud.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.

On a Compliment.
Terrible Child—Mrs. Myles was prancing you to-day, mamma, to Mrs. Brownson. I was on the other side of the garden wall, and heard 'em.

Mamma—What did she say?

Terrible Child—She said there were worse old gossips than you in the neighborhood, after all.—Tit-Bits.

Refreshments.

Brown (who lives high)—You look tired.

Smith—Yes, I am very much exhausted from climbing up those four flights of stairs. Can't you provide me with some little refreshment?

“Certainly, certainly. I'll open one of the windows.”—Texas Sifter.

Serious Effects.

“My gas bill this month fairly took my breath away!” complained the horse editor.

“Mine did worse than that,” replied the snake editor.

“How?”

“It took all my cash.”—N. Y. Recorder.

Well Matched.

Beatrice—I bear your friends on G street are engaged to be married?

Babette—Yes; I never knew two people better suited for one another.

“Indeed!”

“Yes; he is frightfully near-sighted and he has an extremely large mouth.”—Yonkers Statesman.

Couldn't Be Cot.

“Who was that you just bowed to, Jack?”

“Tom Bilkes.”

“What? That fellow? I thought he was such a hard case nobody'd speak to him.”

“He is. He's so tough I can't cut him.”—Harper's Bazaar.

Easiest Thing in the World.

“My son,” said the late parent, “I am surprised, mortified and amazed to find that you stand at the foot of the class. I can hardly believe it possible.”

“Why, father,” replied the son, “it is the easiest thing in the world.”—Tit-Bits.

Bobbie's Latest Joke.

“I saw a pair of garters the other day that the bravest man living wouldn't dare to wear,” said Bobbie.

“What kind were they?” asked Tommie.

“Alligators,” said Bobbie.—Harper's Round Table.

Shipwrecked But Safe.

Jack Tar—We ain't so very far from land, Jim! There's been a yacht along here lately.

Jim—How do you know?

Jack Tar—See all them champagne corks.—Bay City Chat.

Mayo's Whole Page.

Mande—Did he print a kiss on your lips?

Mabel—Did he print a kiss? Well, I just guess he printed a whole column of them.—Yonkers Statesman.

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AN OBSTINATE TOWERMAN.

held several electric cars at the North Street crossing—Mistook Park Police-man Ballantine for a "West Point Dude."

The Traction Company was subjected to considerable unnecessary annoyance and delay at the North street crossing of the Erie, last evening, owing to the obstinacy of the man in the Erie tower, who manipulates the gate and derailing switches.

A car going north passed the derailler on the south side of the track, and in accordance with orders came to a full stop at the tracks to allow the conductor to run ahead to see that all was clear. Just as it stopped a lady attempted to board the car and took considerable time about it. It is against orders to stop for passengers between the derailing switches, but if the motorman had started the car the lady might have been injured.

That the car had stopped and a passenger had boarded it between the deraillers so incensed the towerman that he threw the north derailler, thereby holding the car between the tracks and the north switch in front of the Bell House. No argument could convince him that he was in the wrong and he held the car there until two others came and a general backhanded was necessary to straighten matters out.

Park policeman Ballantine fired in his gray uniform, happened to be on one of the cars and he took part in the discussion. The towerman, however, did not recognize him and desired to know what business a "student" had in the muss, and informed him that he "didn't take no orders from a West Point dude."

THE NORWICH BAPTIST CHURCH ROW

Parson Cass's Resignation Accepted—

Indications That the End Is Not Yet.

The resignation of Rev. T. G. Cass, parson of the Norwich Baptist Church, was accepted Sunday, and at the same meeting a resolution was adopted calling on the trustees of the church to resign. The Sun says that Mr. Cass plainly intimated his intention to secure, if possible, a re-engagement as parson by the vote of the church and society, and it does not hesitate to charge that this is in violation of the letter and spirit of the agreement entered into last November, when the troubles in the church were harmonized and he agreed to resign his pastorate on May 1st.

As a result of the fand in the church it has been going to the bad financially. The trustees figuring that since Dec. 1st the receipts have been \$720 less than expenses.

JUMPED FOR THEIR LIVES.

Three Persons Barely Escape from a Burning House in Port Jervis.

A lamp left burning in the kitchen of Mrs. Martin K. Stearn's boarding house in Port Jervis exploded, Sunday morning at an early hour, and set fire to the building. Mrs. Stearn and three boarders were sleeping soundly that they would have perished in the flames had not a neighbor, who was awakened by the smoke, broken in the door and aroused the inmates.

As it was Mrs. Stearn and two of the boarders had to jump from the second story to save their lives.

PINE ISLAND.

Visited Unionville—Fine Onion Patch—A Man in Health.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Samuel Knapp and sister went on a visit, last week, to Mr. John Harrison, of Unionville. They report that it is drier and more dusty over there than it is here.

—Mr. James Lewis built a chimney at his place on Railroad avenue, Saturday, and on Sunday it fell down.

—Volkner Smith and Fred Hall have the finest patches of onions around here.

—The horse that the trackmen buried, about month ago, was not buried deep enough and now it smells to heaven. The Board of Health of Warwick should take the matter in hand I immediately. The way ditch that leads from the cemetery should also receive attention. Both are menace to the health of any person living within half a mile of them.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was it supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and, by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address.

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Attractive Features of the O. and W. Decoration Day Excursion.

The people of Middletown and vicinity will remember that the O. and W. Railway is up to date in every thing and will run excursions to New York and West Point on Decoration Day at the very low rate of \$1.00. There are on sale at the ticket offices, Wickham avenue and Main street depots, tickets good on trains 2 on Friday, May 29, giving ample time for parties who wish to attend the electrical show or theatres.

Parties who wish to see a first class game of ball can see one at West Point on that date between the West Point Cadets and the 7th Regt., nine. Take train 8 leaving Middletown at 8:10 and giving ample time to view all the points of interest, as well as see the ball game.

Some of the features of O. and W. excursions are no special trains, no crowded cars, trains run on schedule time and an experienced excursion agent on all trains to look after the comforts of the passengers.

Waldron Expected to-day.

Waldron, the great Canadian horse shipper, will arrive in town, to-day, with his celebrated horses. The string, which will consist of two car loads, will contain some matched and single drivers that can show a little speed, heavy drafters, farm teams, express and general purpose horses, in fact any kind of a horse you may want from a sulky driver to a plow horse. They are all to be sold for what they will bring Thursday at 1 o'clock at the Bell House stables. A ten dollar deposit is required on every horse before it leaves the ring.

OTISVILLE.

Ordination Service—Orange County S. S. Association—Our Dramatic Club Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The ordination and installation services of R. J. Diven will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday at 2 p. m. The visiting pastors will be served with refreshments in the lecture room of the church.

—Owing to the indisposition of the pastor there were no services in the M. E. Church, Sunday evening.

—Among those who attended the Orange County S. S. Association at Chester were Mrs. A. W. Dodge, Mrs. N. W. Beyer and Mr. R. J. Diven, all of whom were highly entertained by the good people of Chester.

—An athletic club, formed a short time ago, holds its meetings in the vacant store room of Mrs. M. J. Green.

—The O'leville Dramatic Club will give the play entitled "The Deacon," at Circleville, May 26th.

—Mr. Willard Jacobus, of Montclair, N. J., is visiting his uncle, Mr. Avery Quackenbush.

—Miss Tymesor, of Monticello, spent few days last week with her aunt, Miss Harriet Beyer.

—Miss Hattie Van Gordon, of Dingmans, is a guest at Mr. James Eaton's.

—Miss Helen Person is home for a short time.

LACKAWACK.

Rev. Mr. Sanford at the Baptist Church—A Sunday School to be Organized and Regular Services to be Held.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Rev. Ezra T. Sanford, pastor of the Cornwall Baptist Church, preached in the Lackawack Church, last Friday night. After the service the church elected a Pulpit Committee of Harvey Decker and Thomas Snyder, who have arranged to have a student from Oberlin Seminary preach May 31st, at 3 p. m., when a Sunday School will be organized and it is hoped regular preaching will be sustained. The church's insurance had expired, and Rev. Mr. Sanford, after preaching Sunday afternoon, raised enough to pay for insuring the building.

One application of Dr. Thomas Electric Oil takes away the pain of the most severe burn. It is an ideal family liniment.

BARNUM'S CIRCUS.

The Large Main Tent Will Seat Twelve Thousand Persons.

Barnum & Bailey advertising car No. 4 was in Middletown, yesterday, replenishing the billing and doing a lot of additional advertising. May 28 will be a great day for Middletown. The railroads have all made very low rates and immense crowds are expected from the surrounding towns. The great capacity of the Barnum & Bailey tents this year is capable of taking care of all who come. The seating capacity without crowding is over twelve thousand people, it being the biggest stretch of canvas ever seen in this or any other country.

Many new features and attractions have been introduced by Barnum & Bailey this season. Altogether there are more than 100 separate and distinct acts. Fifty trained horses perform in one ring at one time; twenty-four elephants execute marvelous tricks in three rings at one time, and troupes of specialists occupy three stages with concurrent acts. A lady is hurled from a crossbow 80 feet into the air; the new woman on horseback in billowed skirts, the ethnic entertainment of illustrated India, the lady clowns and ringmasters, are all new features. The wonderful gorilla, Johanna, is a whole show, and is undoubtedly the greatest living attraction ever presented before the American public. There are three circus companies, in three rings, three stages, and racing track. Then there are the two menageries, in one of which is located a veritable Midway, lined with the huts, weapons, canoes, implements, tools, and other material belonging to the strange people who perform in Oriental India.

Twelve champion male and female back riders are seen in the rings, with any number of aerialists and specialists, and altogether it is the finest and grandest show ever organized. A new street parade has also been arranged for this season, containing representations of all crowded heads of the world, with the music and military uniforms of all nations, a horseless carriage and many other features.

BULLVILLE.

Strawberry Festival—A Handsome Sign—Missionary Services—Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The young people of the Bullville M. E. Church will hold their annual strawberry and ice cream festival in the basement of the church, Tuesday evening, May 28th. If stormy the next fair evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

—Our new store keeper, Mr. Montgomery, has had a handsome new sign painted and put up in front of his store. Mr. Montgomery is well liked and is doing a fine trade.

—Mrs. Robinson, of New York city, and late Conference Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, gave an excellent address on the work to a large audience in the Bullville M. E. Church, last Sunday evening. A society was formed and a good collection for the work was taken up.

—Miss Jessie Hall, of Ridgebury, is visiting her friend, Miss Mamie Roberson, of this place.

—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Slawson, of New York city, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shaw, near this place.

—Miss Lillian Ayres, of this place, spent Sunday with friends in Middletown.

—Mrs. James B. Montgomery is visiting friends and relatives in Newburgh.

—Our baseball club has received its new uniforms and the manager is trying to arrange with some club to have a good game at this place Decoration Day.

SOUTH CENTREVILLE.

Several Methodist Church Announcements.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—We Methodists are out for a busy and prosperous year. On Tuesday evening, May 19, we are to hold a public meeting in our church for the election of two trustees. On Thursday evening, May 21st, we will give our first strawberry and cream sociable of the season on our church lawn. If the weather is too cool for the lawn, a warmer place close at hand will be provided. And in case it is a stormy evening the sociable will be given the next fair evening. The proceeds will be applied on the pastor's support. All are cordially invited to help in making the undertaking a grand success. This is the year for us to have new sheds, needed inside church ornamentation, and a first-class bell in our belfry.

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Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's true remedy for constipation and kindred ills. It acts directly on the bowels, the liver, the skin, and while cleansing the blood imparts strength to the digestive organs.

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TO LET—Improve Barn, corner North street and railroad avenue; To let or lease, store, Henry street, formerly occupied by R. Kirchner; First floor, room above, ground available. Apply to KAUFMAN, 41 Main street.

POSITIONS for Painting—Proposals for painting some of the buildings of the Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital will be received till noon on May 21st. Specifications may be seen and bids are to be made at the office of the Hospital, 2912—H. LEONARD, Acting steward.

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